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NELSON TRIAL JOLTS PUBLIC

The first week of testimony in the non-capital murder trial of Dale Merle Nelson ended at Cranbrook Friday before Mr. Justice J. S. Atkins, of the B.C. Supreme Court.

The trial continues. Here, in summary, is testimony given from March 22 to March 26.

Nelson, 32, of West Creston, is charged with non-capital murder of seven-year-old Tracey Jean Wasyk and eight-year-old Catherine Rose St. Amand, both of West Creston. The deaths were reported Sept. 5, 1970.

Nelson was originally charged with the non-capital murder of eight West Creston residents - three adults and five children - but the Crown indicted Nelson on only two of the deaths.

The accused is represented by M. E. Moran, QC, of Castlegar. Crown prosecutor is T. G. Bowen-Colthurst, of Victoria.

DAY ONE - Monday, March 22/71

Not guilty pleas on two non-capital murder charges were entered on behalf of Dale Merle Nelson. Mr. Justice J. S. Atkins directed the not guilty plea to be entered after Nelson refused to answer when the charges were read to the court.

Crown prosecutor T. G. Bowen-Colthurst said he expects the jury's main problem will be to decide "what the accused's state of mind was at the material time."

A jury of eight men and four women were selected to hear the case.

The prosecutor alleged shortly after Nelson entered the Alex Wasyk house, Mrs. Shirley Wasyk and daughter Tracey were dead.

He said Debbie Wasyk, 12, at the time and now 13, heard her mother and Nelson talking and shortly after heard a gurgling sound. He said the girl hid in the kitchen and saw Nelson make her sister, Sharlene, get him a knife.

Mr. Bowen-Colthurst said Debbie then went into her mother's bedroom and found the woman lying face down on the bed with her hands tied behind her back.

The prosecutor alleged Nelson got into bed with Sharlene and molested her before asking her to help him kill Tracey.

He said evidence would show Nelson twice choked Tracey and then used a knife to cut her abdomen. You must not allow your feelings of sorrow, distress, and perhaps horror, to affect your judgement."

DAY TWO - Tuesday, March 23/71

Nine witnesses testified in B.C. Supreme Court that Dale Merle Nelson had been drinking alcohol but appeared normal a few hours before he is alleged to have killed eight persons.

Cecil Wilford, who operates the West Creston ferry, testified he saw Nelson three times Sept. 4. He said he didn't think Nelson had "had very much to drink. I'd say he was sober."

When asked to describe Nelson's mood, when seen the third time on the ferry that day, between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., Wilford replied, "he was smiling."

Under cross examination by defence lawyer M. E. Moran, QC, Wilford admitted Nelson was in a "somewhat jovial mood."

A liquor store clerk, Ray Orvis, testified Nelson appeared "normal to me" when Nelson bought a small bottle of wine and a 12-ounce bottle of brandy in the store about 7:30 p.m. He said Nelson was sober at the time.

Armond Chauler testified Nelson came to his auto wrecking yard at West Creston before dusk Sept. 4, sober.

DAY THREE - Wednesday, March 24/71

An Erickson man testified he was "shoved away" by Mrs. Shirley Wasyk a few minutes before the West Creston woman was found dead in her home.

Frank Chauler told the court he saw a car similar to the one owned by Nelson drive toward the Wasyk house the evening of Sept. 4. He said he drove over to the Wasyk house.

Mr. Chauler said Mrs. Wasyk answered his knock, but she didn't fully open the door. He said he spoke to Mrs. Wasyk and that she used a tone of voice "like I was shoved away."

He said he spoke with the woman for less than two minutes, and then returned to the residence of Mrs. Lola Maureen Hamblar, where he was visiting.

He said within five or 10 minutes, Debbie Wasyk came running to the Hamblar house. He said the girl came into the house in what he described as a "state of hysteria." He said the girl spoke to

Mrs. Hamblar, who then called police.

Mrs. Hamblar said she received a phone call from Mrs. Wasyk about midnight Sept. 4. She testified the call lasted about 30 seconds and Mrs. Wasyk did all the talking.

Mrs. Hamblar said shortly after Chauler returned from the Wasyk house, he "heard a dog bark, heard someone running on the road and then heard pounding on the door."

It was Debbie at the door, she said, and the girl was screaming and hysterical.

DAY FOUR - Thursday, March 25/71

A night of terror was described by a 13-year-old Creston girl, as the trial of Dale Merle Nelson went through its fourth day.

The defence submitted an admission of fact that Nelson was the killer in eight slayings at West Creston last September, after testimony by Debbie Wasyk, 13, and her nine-year-old sister, Sharlene.

Debbie told the B.C. Supreme Court that Nelson was a friend of the family, who often visited the Wasyk home.

"I thought he was a pretty good guy," she testified after asked her opinion of her cousin prior to the time Nelson visited her home shortly before midnight last September.

On that occasion, the young girl said, she was hiding behind the refrigerator and the wall, when she saw Nelson and her sister, Sharlene, enter the kitchen.

She said she was "just gonna jump out and scare them," and "horse around," but something stopped her.

"He (Nelson) seemed different and he wasn't really himself," she said. "He wasn't right and I couldn't do it."

Debbie testified she heard a car arrive at her house about midnight, and later heard a male and female talking. She said the female voice belonged to her mother.

Defence lawyer M. E. Moran, QC, admitted to the court the male voice heard was that of the accused, Dale Nelson.

A short while later, Debbie said, she heard her mother scream.

"I closed the door and locked it behind me. My mother was lying on the bed, face down, in a lot of blood."

She said the blood was around her mother's head and the woman's hands were tied behind her back.

"I untied her hands and turned her over on her side and propped pillows behind her and turned her head downwards," Debbie said.

Debbie said her mother was still breathing at the time.

She said she then heard "sort of gasps from the children's bedroom."

... half between a cry and a scream, I guess."

The girl said she then picked up a fire extinguisher that was lying on the bed, broke the bedroom window, climbed out and ran to a neighbor's house.

As she was breaking the window she said, she heard screams she had heard before and then heard footsteps running toward her mother's bedroom.

Crown prosecutor T. G. Bowen-Colthurst read into evidence admissions "that the accused was carrying a rule which he placed at the head of Sharlene's bed and turning on the light in the bedroom."

It was admitted "that the accused then took Sharlene into the most northerly of the bedrooms in the said residence but as no one was in this bedroom, the accused was asked Sharlene where her sister Laurie was, to which Sharlene replied that she was away with her dad; that the accused then took Sharlene to the kitchen of the said residence and the sound of police sirens was heard whereupon the accused took Sharlene out of the said residence through the front door and around to the back of the residence where she became tangled in a bush following which the accused left her and continued toward the rear of the Wasyk property."

RCMP Const. Earl Moker told assistant prosecutor L. A. T. Numsack that arriving at the Wasyk house at 12:30 a.m., Sept. 5, he saw a young girl "in a very hysterical state" standing beside the fence which surrounded the residence.

Const. Moker said he entered the house and found the body of a woman on the bed. He said he checked for signs of life by checking her pulse, but he could not find any.

He said he went to the adjacent bedroom, and saw the body of a young girl who was cut "from the vagina to the chest cavity" through which the girl's "internal organs were protruding." He said there was also a cut on her face "running from ear to ear."

Const. Moker said he and two other constables then left the Wasyk home and proceeded to another house which was subsequently evacuated.

On returning to the Wasyk house, "about 13 to 15 minutes later" he

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Two statements Nelson made to police, one in which he admitted LSD must have caused him to commit the slayings, and a second in which he denied his first admission, were entered into evidence at Nelson's non-capital murder trial.

Corporal Harvey Finch testified he was present in a cell at the Creston RCMP detachment when Nelson made a tape recorded confession less than an hour after his arrest Sept. 6.

After defence lawyer M. E. Moran, QC, of Castlegar, admitted Nelson made the statement voluntarily, a copy of the tape was played to the court and entered as an exhibit.

Staff Sergeant Miles McLeod first warned Nelson he was not obliged to say anything but that anything he said would be used in evidence. He asked if Nelson wished to make a statement about the horror-filled Labor Day weekend.

"What's the difference, I mean it's all over," Nelson replied.

He was then asked if he had gone to the Wasyk house Sept. 4 and what he did there.

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He said he found the body of Tracey missing. He said there were fresh blood stains on the front steps of the house and in an unmarked police car, which had been left at the house during the constables' absence.

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ACCUSED DALE MERLE NELSON TAKEN INTO RCMP CUSTODY AT CRESTON FOLLOWING MANHUNT

DONATION

A cheque for \$1,000 has been presented to the Crowmest Pass pool project committee by Phillips Cables (Western) Ltd.

The donation was made by plant manager Fernand Paquette to pool committee chairman Henry Rowbotham.

The cable company has donated \$5,000 for a Crowmest Pass swimming pool. The \$1,000 cheque will be followed by four more equal installments.

Women's Page

* THE HOMEMAKER *



By MISS LYNN JOHNSTON
District Home Economist

The consumers' service branch of the department of consumer and corporate affairs in Ottawa recently sent out an interesting article on textiles in its consumer magazine which may be of interest to you.

Years ago, buying textiles was easy. You could only buy natural materials like wool, linen, silk and cotton; and practically everyone knew what to expect of these easy-to-identify fibres.

Today's consumers enjoy all the benefits of man-made fibres, but many shoppers are bewildered by hundreds of brand names which mean little to them.

Confusion exists because more than 70 different brand names are now on the market. But there are, in fact, only 17 types of man-made fibres and most of this confusion

would disappear if they were labelled by their generic names.

Generic relationship is best understood by comparing it to a person's name: the brand name corresponds to the first or given name, while the generic is the family name or surname. To know who someone is, you must know his family name.

The same applies to textiles. Consumers should know the generic or family name. To know who someone is, you must know his family name.

Some manufacturers have voluntarily labelled their textile products using generic names, but something more was needed to be done to take the guesswork out of textile buying. So the Canada department of consumers and corporate affairs sponsored a new Textile Labelling Act which will go a long way toward correcting the situation.

Now, textile products such as wearing apparel, yard goods and household textiles, will be clearly labelled to disclose fibre content by generic names and the percentages of the content of each fibre.

For example: one fabric may be acrylic only; another fabric may be a blend of 60 per cent polyester and 40 per cent cotton.

This information must now be marked on the article when it is sold to you, the consumer. The legislation also prohibits fraud and deception in the labelling and advertising of textile articles. No longer will you have to guess whether or not a dress is made of pure wool, or try to decipher some mysterious trade name.

The fibre or blend of fibres will be clearly marked on an attached label and you will know that this information is true.

The regulations for the Textile Labelling Act will be announced shortly. Industry will then have a period of grace in which they will change their labels to include generic names.

It is hoped that industry, when making this mandatory change, will also include the voluntary care symbols. This voluntary care labelling system has been introduced by Ron Basford, minister of consumer and corporate affairs, because you, the consumer, need to know what you are buying and also how to care for it.

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ANNE WRIGHT BEAUTY NOOK

Toronto Telegram Syndicate



Regardless of their effectiveness, if cosmetics take a lot of time and fussy applications, they inevitably are forgotten.

Get eye shadow, for example, is an exciting newcomer in make-up. But it can be tricky to apply, especially with your fingertips.

A more effective and easier method of application is by using a clean lipstick brush. (They're available in most drugstores that carry make-up and cost about \$2). Just point the eye shadow gel on the lid, blending it into the upper lid with soft strokes.

For the evening you'll want a deeper color, so wait until the first application is thoroughly dry, then point on as many coats as you want to get the right intensity of color.

The same difficulty in application can apply to erasure creams that hide shadows and circles under the eyes.

By using the fingertips again, too many girls get too much cream over too great an area. To avoid doing this, you can again use a lipstick brush, an extra eyeliner brush, or the thinnest paint brush you can buy — and you can get one for about 29 cents.

Using a fine brush, paint on the cream over the shadow area you want to conceal. While there's two shades of thought on this, I find it best to smooth on your foundation base first before the erasure cream.

Before putting on any make-up, of course, it's extremely important that you apply a protective moisturizing cream, both to protect your skin from weather and dryness and to provide a smooth base for make-up. Some cosmetic manufacturers, Dabur for example, have even worked out an easy-to-follow beauty plan for a beautiful complexion before make-up.

It basically consists of four steps: Cleanse — with a penetrating cleanser to remove makeup and grime and to prevent blemishes from forming; Stimulate — with a skin fresher and/or astringent to help firm the skin and tighten pores; Soften — with a rich lanolin cream to lubricate the skin and maintain the natural moisturizer level; Protect — with a moisturizer to form a smooth base and prepare the skin for make-up.

(If you have any beauty questions, write them down and send them to this newspaper. I may be able to answer them in my column.)

HORACE ALLEN SCHOOL NEWS

By DEBBIE DUNCAN

You may not have seen the science fair at Lethbridge the weekend of March 19 to 21, so here are the results:

There were three groups from Coleman present at the time. Considering it was their first time to enter such an experience, they did quite well.

The wild and domestic cat group, with members Susan MacLeod and Debbie Duncan, received a \$5 honorable mention award. We also were filmed to go on television, but unfortunately weren't put on Monday afternoon on Our Town. (Must have broken the lens).

There was also Lea and Holly Plante, who did a project on butterflies, dragonflies and moths. Judy Pakos, Kathy Bowman and Rita Korak won a book about insulin.

I would also like to tell you about the grand award winner, Larry Shiba, who won the grand award last year, too.

We made lots of friends within the short period of time there. On Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., we were asked questions and judged.



DARVEAU — Born March 7 to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Darveau, of Bellevue, a son.

DASE — Born March 11 to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Dase, of Coleman, a son.

HANCOCK — Born March 12 to Mr. and Mrs. Man Hancock, of Hillcrest, a son.

TAJE — Born March 18 to Mr. and Mrs. Mel Taje, of Coleman, a son.

VANDER LINDEN — Born March 20 to Mr. and Mrs. Arle Vander Linden, of Bellevue, twins — a son and daughter.

We waited patiently until 5 p.m. when the winners were announced and given their awards. I don't know what the other girls were told, but we were told "the cat group" should have had some experiments. Other than that, it was fine.

And that's all of the excitement from Horace Allen.

Lions Bingo

Winners of the March 24 Coleman Lions bingo are:

\$50, Dick Tiffin; \$25, Mary Berdusco, Richard Big Charles; \$15, Mrs. H. Thompson, Bebe Tymychyna, Annie Dorusak, Cliff Letcher; \$10, Kay Galloway, Tillie Hillis, Marg Schultz.

\$5, Vilma Cividin, Isabel Sporah, Marilyn Eckland, Annie Hartak; \$3, Mrs. Plessi, Mrs. Pisony, Mrs. Amy Milley, Madge Parry, Mary Sagoff, Gail Sygetak; hams, Mrs. Alice Ennis, Mrs. Alf Phillips; turkeys, Mrs. Rivard, Jack Nelson, Mrs. John Newton, Jr. and Mrs. Sam Richards.

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MISS TEEN CANADA. Lovely 17-year-old Jana Jorgenson from Coquitlam, B.C. is the reigning Miss Teenage Canada who will crown the new 1971 queen on Monday, April 19. The Miss Teenage Canada Pageant will be carried live and in color on CBC-TV at 8 p.m. with host Alex Trebek and commentator Lorraine Thomson joining the many beautiful and bright young ladies who will be representing their various regions across Canada. There'll be music, dancing and special guest artists to complement the show as well.

ROXY THEATRE

— SHOW CALENDAR —
COLEMAN, ALTA.

Saturday, Monday and Tuesday April 3, 5 & 6 "BULLET FOR PRETTY BOY" Adult Fabian - Jocelyn Lane	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday April 20, 21 & 22 "THE RAGERS" Adult Kirk Douglas - Bella Darby
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 7, 8 & 9 "EXPLOSION" "Restricted" Adult Don Stroud - Michele Chicein Shocking Action	Friday April 23 only "COUNT YORGA VAMPIRE" Adult Horror Michael Murphy - Donna Andres
Saturday, Monday and Tuesday April 10, 12 & 13 "LITTLE FAUSS & BIG HALSEY" "Restricted" Adult Robert Redford Michael Pollard Motorcycle Story	Saturday to Wednesday April 24 to April 28 "ANNE OF A THOUSAND DAYS" Adult Richard Burton Genevieve Bujold
Special Matinee at 2 p.m. "FINGER ON TRIGGER"	Special Saturday Matinee 2 p.m. "TICKLE ME" Elvis Presley
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday April 14, 15 & 16 "TWO MULES FOR SISTER SARA" Adult - Western Clint Eastwood Shirley MacLaine	Thursday and Friday April 29 & 30 "WUTHERING HEIGHTS" Adult - Love Story Timothy Dalton Anna Calder-Marshall
Saturday and Monday April 17 & 19 "PIRATES OF TORTUGA" John Richardson Leticia Roman Family - Sea Adventure	Saturday and Monday May 1 & 2 "FORBEN PROJECT" Adult Eric Breeden - Alex Rodine
	Tuesday and Wednesday May 4 & 5 "STILETTO" "Restricted" Adult Alex Cord - Barbara McNeil Mafia Drama

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Sunday school for Grade 3 and up is being held in the Horace Allen school Mondays at 3:30 p.m.

Grades 1 and 2 will hold their classes at the Coleman United Church club room.

Coleman Christian Assembly

Family Bible Hour—11 a.m.

Lord's Supper—12:30 p.m.

Evening service—7 p.m.

Holding forth the Faithful Word—Titus 1:9
Holding forth the Word of Life—Philippians 2:16.



Coleman Elks

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* BINGO *

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Apr. 13	Coleman	United Church Hall	10:30-11:30 a.m. & 1:30-2:30 p.m.

—(FLUORIDE TABLETS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST)—

—APPLICATIONS—

Applications for assistant janitor at the Crownsnest Consolidated High School will be received by the undersigned until Friday, April 9, 1971. Duties to commence May 3, 1971. Applicants are requested to submit age, qualifications and any other pertinent information to

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By TRENT VARRO

ARIES - March 21 to April 20

Unless you are in top-notch physical condition, you may tire yourself out completely by trying to do too much this coming week. Get plenty of rest, and if you don't feel well see your doctor.

TAURUS - April 21 to May 20

You will have to take the good with the bad this week. But the situations will probably balance themselves out. So take it easy and do the chores. Leave new propositions till later.

GEMINI - May 21 to June 20

A very "lucky break" could come your way during this period. Don't expect miracles, but you can be sure if there is any luck around at all, you'll gain in one way or another.

CANCER - June 21 to July 21

Anger and temperance could boil up this next week and cause a lot of confusion, but it shouldn't mean much, as you'll get over it quickly. Don't push too hard.

LEO - July 22 to August 21

A surprise in matters pertaining to the family is due. This is an excellent time for social pastimes. News from distant places may come, bringing many surprises. Play it cool!

VIRGO - August 22 to Sept. 21

Things are getting better every week for Virgo, but it's not exactly the best time in the world to make any drastic changes. Ride your time, and make decisions carefully.

LIBRA - Sept. 22 to October 22

Everything is pretty well normal for Scorpio right now, except for the fact that your love life may seem to be a little mixed-up. This is not serious, and will pass quickly.

SCORPIO - Oct. 23 to Nov. 21

You may find yourself "bored stiff" this coming week. Try to remain active and concentrate on your future security. Much can be done around the home.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov. 22 to Dec. 20

In the general horoscope for Capricorn next week, holding your temper will be most important, if you are to achieve the things you really want. You may be tempted to "blow your top" DON'T!

AQUARIUS - Jan. 20 to Feb. 18

Anyone who attempts to harm you, either mentally or physically, will get the surprise of their life later on. This does not mean that you can be aggressive, but you're lucky!

PISCES - Feb. 19 to Mar. 20

Everything should be getting smoother in your life now. If you are bothered by some illness, now is an excellent time to see your family doctor and take his advice. Even hospitalization is under good aspects.

High School Driver Education Announced for Alberta This Year

(Special To The Journal)

EDMONTON — Education Minister Robert Clark has announced the department of education will introduce a driver education course in Alberta high schools effective next September.

The course, driver education 10, will be offered on an optional basis and will carry two credits.

Mr. Clark's announcement follows a recent report and recommendations from the Alberta driver education committee. The new program was also mentioned in the recent Throne Speech at the opening of the 1971 Legislative session. The committee includes representation from the Alberta Motor Association, Alberta Automotive Dealers' Association, Alberta Teachers' Association, Alberta Safety Council, Alberta Insurance Agents' Association, Alberta School Trustees' Association, department of highways and the department of education.

The committee met recently with department of education officials. Mr. Clark and Highway Minister Gordon Taylor. At that time, the two ministers reiterated "their sympathy with and interest in high school driver education."

The course will consist of at least 30 hours of classroom instruction, at least 12 hours of observation of in-car practice, and at least eight hours of in-car practice.

Classroom instruction must be performed by a certified teacher. In-car observation and practice may be conducted by a certified teacher or a non-certified individual but must comply with regulations under the Highway Traffic Act.

"Classroom instruction, in-car observation and in-car practice should be carefully co-ordinated by school authorities who have the responsibility of recommending students for credit," Mr. Clark said.

Students involved in driver education must be at least 14 years of age, possess an operator's licence or learner's permit, have written consent from their parents or a guardian and be enrolled in an approved high school.



BOB CLARK
... fall start

School boards will be required to give schools approval to offer the course, will be expected to carry adequate insurance coverage, arrange for training cars and finance costs of the course "in any way deemed appropriate."

Mr. Clark said no funds can be made available to school boards to finance the new course. He said existing school foundation program grants are flexible enough so boards can direct funds towards implementation of a driver education course as well as for any other school course, if this is the priority of the board.

Investigations show students, or their parents, can recover amounts up to \$50 on automobile insurance premiums when the students have satisfactorily completed a driver education course.

The committee investigated high school driver education programs in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and Ontario. In addition, information was obtained on existing non-credit driver education courses being offered in some Alberta schools.

HOMEMAKER . . . From Page 2

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INQUEST INTO KAISER DEATH

An inquest was held March 16 into the death of Peter Jacob Seida who died in an industrial accident at the Elkview property of Kaiser Resources Ltd. near Sparwood, on February 10.

After five hours, during which seven witnesses were heard, the jury found that Peter Seida died when mechanical failure occurred in a boom section of a 140-ton crane, causing the load to fall to the ground.

No recommendations were made by the jury.

Mr. Seida, along with another worker, was on top of the crane load adjusting choker cables when the accident occurred. He was employed by Surrey Iron Works.



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Now we realize the writers of these letters have a good point.

However, we would like to point out that we have appealed — on more than one occasion — for local news. To our appeal has only been mediocre.

As publishers of The Coleman Journal it irks us to have persons in neighboring areas point out that Coleman's activities are so limited there is very little news made worth reporting.

We know differently. But to prove this we need the help of each person, every organization, council and town police to bring us news of a factual and truthful nature which we can publish and let our neighbors know that Coleman is alive — and as good as any other Pass community.

It only takes a few minutes to phone our Coleman office and report social gatherings, meetings and only a few minutes more to write us about some event you feel will be of interest.

We are sure the town council has something to report monthly, so the people of Coleman, who pay the taxes might be informed of what is transpiring on their behalf.

Long-time residents of Coleman might remember a publisher named Tom Halliwell. The late Mr. Halliwell, according to our newspaper manuals, published a top winning weekly for the Town of Coleman. It was one of the few newspapers in Western Canada to be a Pulitzer Prize winner and won many Canadian awards.

A review of our files of those days would indicate the people of Coleman were right behind their newspaper, as shown by the large number of column inches of local news carried in each edition.

The Town of Coleman has not changed that much. Sure, the community has had its setbacks — but what town hasn't?

But communities have sprung back. Part of this come-back has been due to a good newspaper supported by the community.

A newspaper is only as good as the support of its people — and the advertising climate within the community.

We make a sincere appeal to Coleman residents to help us make Coleman a strong and well-known town through the medium of The Coleman Journal by letting us know of local news and happenings.

Ottawa's Dusty Opera

A cracked, scratchy old record is being played in Ottawa these days. In it a government baritone (usually the prime minister) sings a dirge over Parliament's corpse, blaming an underhanded, obstructionist opposition.

Then a chorus of opposition tenors chimes in with hurt voices and defiant accusations about the government's legislative skulduggery.

This time the dusty opera is inspired by the Government Organization Act, 1970, an omnibus bill that unjustifiably lumps together several legislative proposals with various points of principle.

Among things such as changes in civil service pensions and the running of observatories, the bill would establish a department of the environment and give its minister command of anti-pollution efforts now waged by three other departments.

The bill, however, also authorizes the cabinet to create ministries and \$15,000-a-year ministers of state (to a maximum of five at any one time) to formulate policy, as well as other ministers of state to assist departmental cabinet ministers. All these new ministers of state would be in addition to ministers without portfolio.

And there is provision for 10 more Parliamentary secretaries so that each departmental minister can have a government MP assistant (who's paid an extra \$4,000 a year).

The opposition has called this part of the bill "an act to provide jobs for the boys," and can be forgiven for suspecting the Liberals are trying to slip something over under the guise of a Simon-pure environmental crusade.

Yet, assuming the need for all our present departments, a conscientious Parliamentary secretary can serve a useful apprenticeship, as well as stand in for his boss in Parliament and aid communication between MPs and departments. And the creation of ministers with staff to reflect on policy is a welcome move in this complex world.

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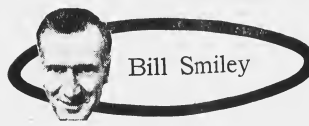
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Bill Smiley

Only Half The List Of Smiley's Troubles

March is a time for madness in this country. I have lain on the grass with a girl in March studying for exams. And I have waded through snow up to the belly-buttock, in the same month. This is enough to make Canadians a bit or forcing to pay your hydro bill in time for the discount, can make the most stable of us crack and go roaring after the nearest person with the nearest blunt instrument.

March is as unpredictable as a pregnant female, as precocious as an eccentric old man. "Mad as a March hare" is no flight of the imagination. You don't have to be a hare to be mad in March.

All you have to do is look at the body of your car, at what the salt and sand have done to it, and you'll get mad.

All you have to be is a mother with soaking, muddy children tromping in and out, and you get mad.

All you have to do is total your fuel bill, and you know you are out of your mind to live in such a climate.

All it takes is a note from a friend in the south, who asks how high the snowbanks still are, and says he expects to come home about the first of May.

All you need to do is think of next month, and realize that the average Canadian gives up a third of his income in taxes, and you can go right around the bend.

Our nerves are stretched to the snapping point by the rigours of the last four months, and it doesn't take much to break us. Even a little thing like forgetting to get your car license plates before the deadline, or forgetting to pay your hydro bill in time for the discount, can make the most stable of us crack and go roaring after the nearest person with the nearest blunt instrument.

I haven't quite blown a gasket yet, but I can feel the pressure building up. My wife has been off her nuts since Christmas. Having two kids in University is like walking around with two large leeches clinging to you. Half a dozen people want to speak to a similar number of completely dissimilar groups all over the geography.

I have a hundred letters to write. My boss is bugging me for a detailed plan for a new workbook for my department, and I couldn't design the interior of an outhouse. I'm in charge of two public speaking contests and two essay contests, both with looming deadlines.

The cat did it again on the floor last night and is going to the glue factory if it happens once more. The CNR has phoned five times to tell me I owe them \$1.00, which was their mistake in the first place.

March is a wonderful time. It neither walks nor beards. And frenzied by the mating urge. It cannot fly but toddlers. It dodges through the glens and hills. It dodges through the heather, A-singing of its mating tune — "Ach, jings what a life!"

There are only another 576 quatrains in MacBryson's masterpiece, so here I part with me, the editor just faded. Well, I can take a hint. These two must suffice for now.

But while he's still out, I think we should slip in the words of Robbie Burns on the subject of haggis.

Fair fa' ye honest,



Scott Young

Ode To The Haggis

When I wrote about the famous Scottish dish, haggis, recently I had no idea that I would touch so many raw nerves.

My non-committal recounting of assurances I had been given that a haggis is a featherless bird found on the moors of Argyllshire, easily shot because it flies backward to keep the wind out of its eyes, was received with scorn.

Several correspondents claimed that haggises actually are animals with left legs longer than the right ones. This enables them to run rapidly and without overbalancing around mountain peaks, as long as they are running clockwise.

The way to catch them is to get up 15 minutes earlier than the haggises and start chasing them counterclockwise. Running that way, they topple over and roll downhill where they may be gathered like puffballs in the gorse and heather below.

However, one gentleman contended that haggises really are dead haggises, and that the noise of their slaughter is what makes nights so hideous around the armories of Highland regiments.

Fair fa' ye honest,

Anyway, no discussion of haggis is complete without a few stanzas from the work of the young poet MacBryson of the Isle of Haggis in the Middle Hebrides. Here, in translation from the Gaelic, is a sampling.

The Haggis is a wondrous beast. It neither walks nor beards. And frenzied by the mating urge. It cannot fly but toddlers. It dodges through the glens and hills. It dodges through the heather, A-singing of its mating tune — "Ach, jings what a life!"

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CHUCKLE OF THE WEEK



I don't like you, Mr. Jennings, and I don't like your last-minute suggestions!

LEGISLATION REPORT

By KEVIN PETERSON & DON SELLAR

— of The Calgary Herald —

A new Wilderness Areas Act and a \$80 million loan fund for industrial development incentives dominated a dull week as the Alberta Legislature ended its first month of sittings.

The wilderness bill, which has already undergone a year of debate and public hearings, contained a few surprises as the government moved to satisfy the demands of conservation-oriented groups.

Access to the 144-square-mile areas reserved in their natural state will be by foot only. Lands and Forest Minister J. D. Ross revealed as the house gave first reading to the bill.

In addition, there will be no hunting, trapping or fishing in the protected areas — the government's response to public hearing demands that the ecology in wilderness tracts be left undisturbed.

Dr. Ross went so far as to suggest the government may be criticized for being over-protective, although initial reaction across the province thus far seems to favor the bill.

The minister named three existing wilderness areas as "provisional" wilderness zones. A committee drawn largely from the general public, rather than the public service or conservation organizations, will be responsible for reviewing the boundaries and in future making recommendations to cabinet for legislative changes affecting the areas.

Another important change in the revised wilderness areas bill is the fact that it entrenches wilderness areas in legislation. The provision means the Legislature, not the cabinet, will be debating any changes in the protected regions.

The three areas to be set aside under the original provisions of the bill are the Ghost, Sifter and White Goat wilderness areas — all located in mountainous terrain in the southern half of the province.

Dr. Ross hopes future protected areas will include examples of undisturbed parkland, muck-gum country and prairie so future generations can visit all types of habitat in the province.

Industry and Tourism Minister Ray Ratliff brought in his Industrial Development Incentives Act with a promise it will further diversify Alberta's economy, increase job opportunities and spur manufacturing enterprises in towns having fewer than 40,000 residents.

Under terms of the bill, new plants or plant expansion projects will be eligible for loans up to \$500,000 or one-third of the capital cost whichever is lower.

The cabinet intends to give itself the power to forgive repayment of any loan made under the plan. The bill sets a \$10 million ceiling on loans from the fund, but during its first year of operation only \$3 million will be available.

Opposition Conservatives are expected to chide the government for not adopting the Tory promise of a \$50 million rural development fund, but they will probably support the legislation anyway.

OTTAWA REPORTS

By ALLEN SULTATYCKY

MP, Rocky Mountain

A few weeks ago Parliament engaged in an emergency debate concerning the possible sale of this controlling interest in the Home Oil to foreign buyers.

Having sensed the will of the Canadian people as expressed by Parliament, the government moved recently to keep control of this largest of Canadian oil companies in the hands of Canadians.

Joe Greene, minister of energy, mines and resources announced March 11 that the government began on that day to negotiate with R. A. Brown, of Calgary, for the purchase of his shares in Cynus Corporation and Home Oil.

Mr. Brown has been conducting negotiations for the sale of these shares to American interests. The government had hoped a Canadian buyer could be found so a strong Canadian presence could be maintained in this important resource industry.

When no Canadian buyer appeared, the government felt bound to enter negotiations to purchase the controlling shares for the benefit of all Canadians.

As Mr. Greene pointed out in reply to questioning in the House of Commons the day after his eventual announcement, the main aim of the government was to protect the Canadian people.

Mr. Greene's announcement injected some interest into a week of Parliament news which was dull, if anything.

Most of the week had been taken up with debate on the important bills dealing with statutory instruments and the budget.



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Thirty members from Blairmore, Coleman, Hillcrest and Bellevue attended. Other provincial executive members present were: Mrs. Kay Bjornalden, past provincial president, Calgary; Mrs. Marion Johnson, provincial secretary, Cowley; Mrs. Myrna Wright, membership chairman, Pincher Creek; and Gail Visser, Pincher Creek chapter president.

A surprise presentation of association spoons was made to Mrs. Dorothy MacQuarrie, of Coleman, who organized the first chapter of Certified Nursing Aides in this district during April of 1961.

Mrs. Chris Malenick, Bellevue, was the first certified nursing aide employed in the Crownsnest Pass Hospital in 1949.

Hostess for the provincial visit was Mrs. Clara Marcon, chapter president.

EXPENSIVE

Heart disease is expensive; in Canada, the economic loss it causes is estimated at \$1 billion yearly.

OBITUARIES

LOCAL MAN BEREAVED IN DEATH

Funeral service for Giovanni Feragotti, 70, who died in Michel Hospital was held recently with Rev. L. M. Trainor officiating from St. Michael's Church, Natal.

Burial was in Elk Valley Cemetery. Born in Braulins Trasaghis, Province of Udine, Italy in 1900, she came to Canada in 1923, taking residence first at Coleman, then Bellevue, before moving to Michel in 1933.

Surviving are a son Joe of Sparwood; one daughter, Mrs. Avelino (Ursula) Persello of Spokane; three brothers, Pete of Coleman, Tony of Crowstons and Quido in Italy; one sister, Elena, also in Italy; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was a member of the Mount Carmel Society in Natal.

John Paskovich, Larry Poch, John Giacchetta, all of Sparwood, Avelino Persello, Jr. of Spokane and Dennis Carolla of Fernie.

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The Siro Ciminoli rink, with members Myrtle Cery, Len Polak, and Vera Ciminoli, placed fourth in the A event.

The Raymond Myles rink, with Bea Mogelka, Elko Bernardo and Gwen Myles, reached the final and placed second in the B event. Third spot in the B went to the Frank Mitchell rink with Mary Mitchell, Valie Quarin and Bert Lyons.

The Walter Rybachuk rink, with members Jean Tabor, Gail Travis and Tom Travis took first in the C event while the Doug Morgan rink with Bertha Morgan, Sally Travis and Harvey Travis placed fourth in this event.

The Hugh Tennant rink was the only one which did not place in any of the events completed and did not take home Centennial silver dollars.

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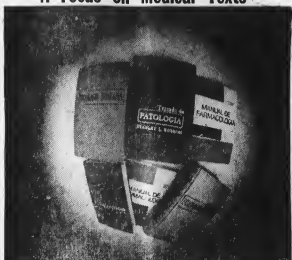
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A Focus on Medical Texts



Under \$2.6 million plan, the Pan American Health Organization aims at providing 22 medical texts to 100,000 Latin American students at prices they can afford.

Perhaps even more than for his counterpart elsewhere in the world, for the medical student in Latin America the acquisition of suitable textbooks is frequently a major problem.

In many cases that is so because he simply cannot afford to buy them, but also because libraries are generally unable to provide him with the services he needs. Medical texts on shelves are frequently out of date, or published in a foreign tongue with no translation available. All of which forces the student to depend heavily on lecture notes or on mimeographed outlines, makeshift measures at best.

A measure of relief however is in sight—thanks to a new \$2.6 million medical textbook program launched by the Pan American Health Organization, and supported, up to now, by medical educators and schools in 17 Latin American countries. The program's chief aim is to make it both inexpensive and easy for students to acquire texts. That is achieved through bulk purchases of books from publishers which, in turn, makes it possible for the texts either to be sold or rented at low prices.

Moreover, if buying, the student may do so in installments, in from four to eight payments. If purchasing outright, he pays about half the going price. To take one example, a text on pathology retails for \$38. Published under the program, it sells for \$11, and rents for \$3.50 per year. It is also the support of universities that makes the program possible.

So far some 47,000 books have been distributed in pathology, biochemistry, physiology, and pharmacology. More than half have been sold, 80 per cent for cash. Next on the list to be published is a pediatrics text, and after that texts on internal medicine, geriatrics, histology and microbiology.

A revolving fund set up, in large part by a \$2 million low-interest loan from the Inter-American Development Bank that is repayable in 25 years, will tide the program over to when it becomes self-supporting some five years hence.

By then, a total of 70,000 Spanish and Portuguese texts in 22 under-graduate medical fields will have been purchased, published, and distributed to some 100,000 students in Latin America's 150 medical schools.

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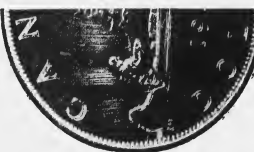
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